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Cancer Centre breaks ground

The weather proved less than cooperative, however there's no question that the September 14th groundbreaking of the Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre was a great success in spite of it.

Hamilton Civic Hospitals Chaplain **Bill Ballantyne** offered the invocation following a welcome address by Master of Ceremonies **Michael Meighen**, Chairman of the Board of the Ontario Treatment and Research Foundation. As the 100 plus guests waited for Premier **David Peterson**, the keynote speaker, who had been delayed by traffic snarls and the torrential rainstorms, they heard greetings from other distinguished speakers, including: **Dr. Bill Hryniuk**, Director of the Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre; **Reg Whynott**, Chairman of the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth; **Bob Morrow**, Mayor of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton; **Chester Waxman**, Chairman of the Board of the Hamilton Civic Hospitals; and **Ronald Potter**, President of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Arriving shortly after, to the strains of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police



Dan Hill was 102 years young this month! Born on October 2, 1887 in the Tyendinaga Indian Reserve, Mr. Hill celebrated his milestone birthday on the Terrace, where he is a resident. Amid strains of "Happy Birthday" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow", family members talked about his long and interesting life, including his career as a carpenter, his 65-year marriage and his many grandchildren.

Pipes and Drums, Premier Peterson spoke of the need for the new Centre, then turned the sod from atop a backhoe. It was an

exciting and colorful way to break ground for this important new facility. ■

Christmas Fantasy '89 - A sneak preview

Mickey will be there. Will you? Walt Disney's most famous Mouse is making the long trip from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida just to be part of The Hamilton Civic Hospitals Foundation's special Christmas fund-raising event. And he's not alone. From December 1st when the larger-than-life Mouse lights the

tree at Fantasy '89 to December 3rd when a special guest will preside over the Gala dinner and tree auction, the Hamilton Convention Centre will be packed with events and special promotions. Among these: a Grand Prize Draw of a trip to Walt Disney World, sponsored by CKDS and The Hamilton Spectator;

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Christmas in the Country, presented by CHAM Radio on Saturday, Dec. 2; Family and Character Day, presented by CHCH-TV on Sunday, Dec. 3; an opening Office Party, hosted by CHML Radio on November 30. Not to mention: 60 beautifully decorated trees, Gingerbread Village, an electric train display, an old-fashioned candy shop, **Elmer the Safety Elephant, Chuck 'E' Cheese, Boots the Clown** and, of course, **Santa**.

If Mickey Mouse can make the trek, so can you. Be there. As a visitor or as a volunteer. For more information, contact: **Cheryl Procyk**, Ext. 4318. ■



Flash

Following is a last minute report from **Sylvia D'Intino**, the Fantasy's Christmas Parade Float Coordinator:

Plans for our first float in the Hamilton Santa Claus Parade are well under way. It was pretty late when we decided to enter but many enthusiastic hospital supporters are scurrying around to pull it together.

Materiel Management at the General (otherwise known as Pearl's Kitchen Helpers) are putting together an old-fashioned Christmas in the kitchen. The General's MDU is presenting the mysterious, Window Theme No. 2, as the float theme; What's behind the curtain - only **Tracy** and **Marion** know for sure! At least Mrs. Santa (**Betty Robertson**) is

pitching in to make sure parade watchers are in for a treat!

And let's not forget the Float Committee! **Gary Martin** (Materiel Management at the General) and **Richard Marcotte** (Maintenance at Henderson) are designing the infrastructure for a 40-ft. flatbed, which will then be all ready to be decorated by a dedicated committee.

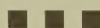
It's less than one month to Parade Time and so much to do. But watch for it. It'll be a knockout!! ■



News

Dorothy McClure, Nursing Education Coordinator at the General, is a member of the Post Diploma Advisory Committee of McMaster Faculty of Health Sciences. She and the Committee wish to notify diploma nurses interested in pursuing baccalaureate education at McMaster of information sessions on the BScN program. The program now includes 80 spaces rather than 30 and is available to full and part-time personnel. Some courses are offered off-campus.

AN INFO SESSION WILL BE HELD NOV. 1, 1930 TO 2100 HOURS IN ROOM 1A6 HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE AT MCMASTER.



The following appeared recently in the Letters to the Editor section of the Hamilton Spectator:

A HARD-WORKING HOSPITAL

Of late I have "enjoyed" the services of Hamilton General Hospital or should I call it the Regal Princess of Barton Street? That she really is!

It is a credit to our governing bodies for her advancement and glorious new buildings. And her staff - attentive, kind, pleasant, cheerful and "ad infinitum".

The stay, the meals, the personnel - who could complain? Some may but they would be erroneous to a point.

From entry to dismissal, it was a smooth symphony of a quartet of wonderful doctors and a back-up of hard-working personnel.

*Don Thomas,
Dundas*



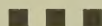
Hospitals in Uganda, Egypt, Grenada and Tanzania soon will benefit from the generosity of the General and the organizing abilities of **Barb Butterworth**, Assistant Director of Housekeeping. Barb organized a recent donation of hospital equipment to be sent to Global Ed-Med Supplies (Canada) Inc. (GEM). The supplies were then sent by the non-profit organization to needy hospitals in the Third

World. As GEM Executive Director **Doreen Wicks** points out: "It is only with the assistance of friends such as you that we are able to continue to respond to the ever-increasing number of requests for help that come into our office daily from around the world."



In a further effort on behalf of needy people in other parts of the world, Henderson and General both have thrown their support and resources into a Hamilton hospitals response to aid Caribbean countries devastated by hurricane Hugo. Organized by St. Joseph's Hospital, the committee includes members from Henderson, General, St. Joseph's, Mohawk Hospital Services, St. Peter's, Hamilton Psychiatric and Chedoke-McMaster.

Watch for further announcements at both Divisions on what you can do to help the hurricane relief efforts.



Looking for a trendy place for a break and a snack? **Chris Denarde** of Nutrition Services at the General has a suggestion for you. The Temporary Construction Zone Cafeteria is now open 24 hours a day, with vending machines for all sorts of goodies plus a microwave to heat them up.



RENOVATIONS

At Henderson, the renovations to the Women's Centre (to be called the Dr. A.M. Pain Surgical Centre and located on Ward 478) begin this month and will continue for the next three months. Tendering for the air-handling project on 70 wing begins and work should start on this important renovation in January! Also site preparation for the new Cancer Centre is under way and is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

At General, renovations to Cooper are continuing and construction is

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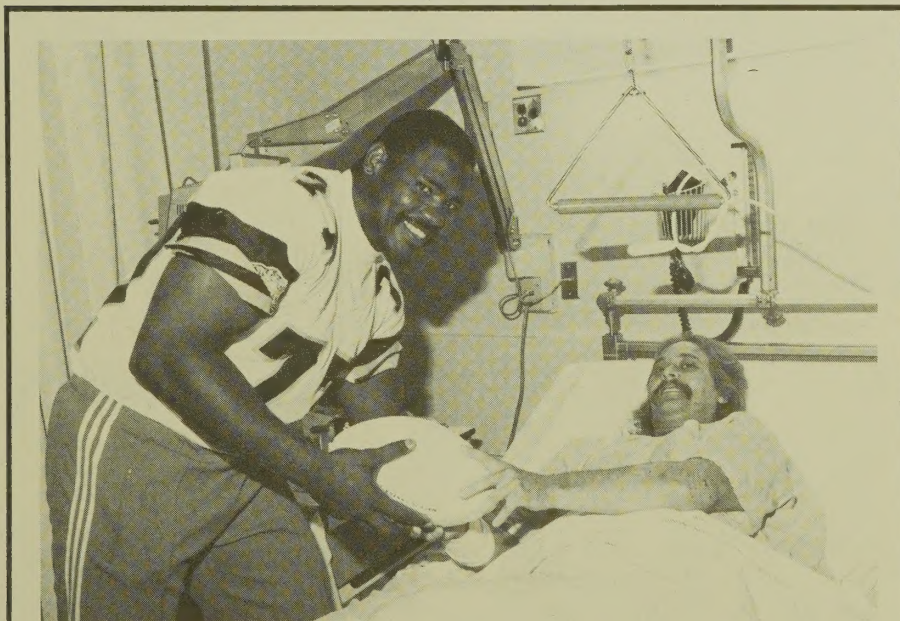
Unsung heroes

The following article was submitted by a "correspondent" at Henderson who wishes to remain anonymous. This correspondent was anxious to give credit to some of the many Unsung Heroes we have at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals. We thought it was such a terrific idea that we decided to open it up to other "correspondents." Do you know someone special who is quietly making life just a bit easier or more pleasant for others? There are many of these people around; tell us about your choice for Unsung Hero. Meanwhile, here are three, nominated by our correspondent:

There are three ladies here at the Henderson who, I think, would qualify as "Unsung Heroes". They are: **Emily Knox**, Occupational Therapy, who knits mittens; **Beth Burnell**, Linen Room, who knits hats and toques and **Elizabeth Brokmann**, Housekeeping, who knits slippers.

They knit from yarns they have purchased themselves. Then they donate the knitted articles to various groups, including the Terrace at Henderson. As well as the Terrace, they also provide their knitted products to groups such as: Jimmy Lomax Christmas Drive; Interval House; Inasmuch House and Neighbor to Neighbor.

They would be glad of any new or leftover yarn, which they will put to good use. They can be contacted at their respective departments, preferably during breaks or at lunch.



Tiger Cat player **Grover Covington** recently paid a special visit to **Gary Putman**, a patient in the General's Burn Trauma Unit. Organized by Hamilton Spectator Reporter James Elliott and the Tiger Cat Public Relations office, the visit was a surprise to Mr. Putman, who admits to being one of the team's biggest fans. He was presented with an autographed football by Mr. Covington, as seen here in a photo from the A/V Department.

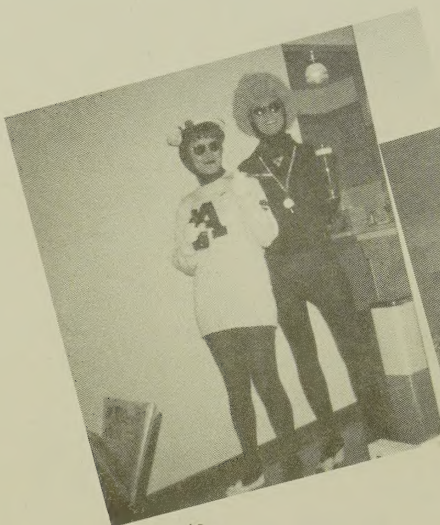
Betty Robertson - This is your life!!

In the old TV show entitled, This Is your Life, a worthy person stood in front of the camera, shifting nervously from one foot to another while the host introduced images, events and people from his or her past.

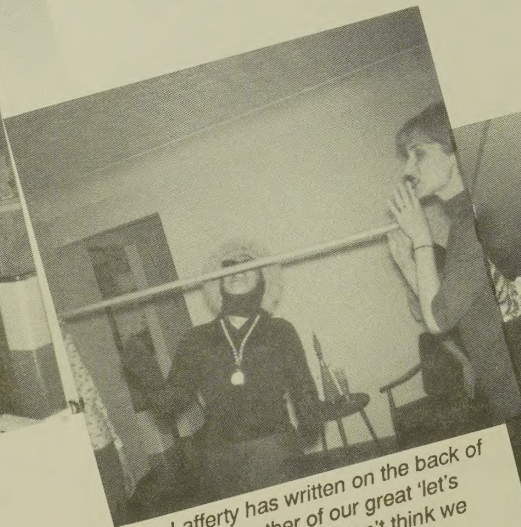
Here at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals we have a number of worthy individuals with checkered pasts (!) who would make good subjects for This Is Your Life. But few are more worthy (and more checkered?!) than Betty Robertson - Director of the Medical Diagnostic

Unit, 45-year employee, friend and colleague - who is retiring this month!

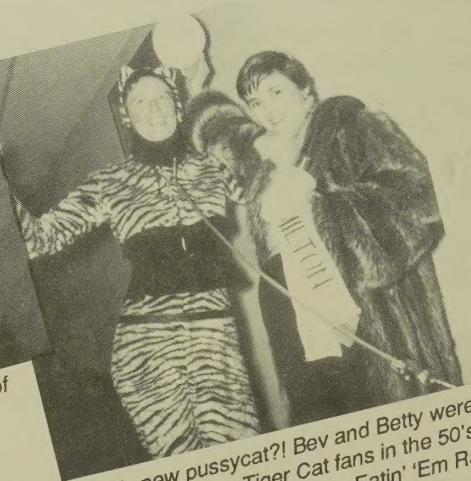
In this Link supplement, we thought we'd put Betty "on camera", and feature some special pictures from her past.*



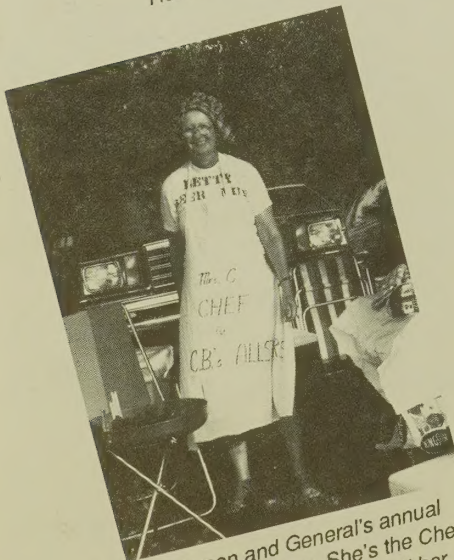
Here's to...



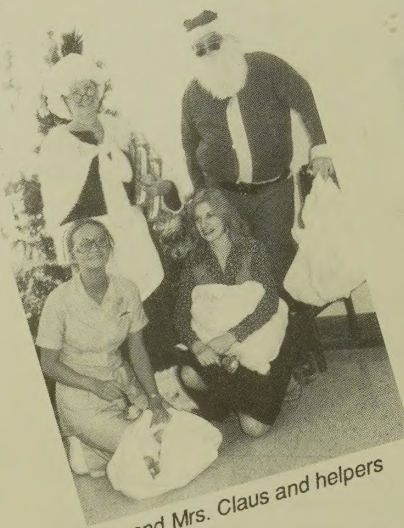
Bev Lafferty has written on the back of this one: "Another of our great 'let's call Dickie' parties." I don't think we want to know...



What's new pussycat?! Bev and Betty were dyed-in-the-skins Tiger Cat fans in the 50's and 60's when the team was Eatin' 'Em Raw!



Henderson and General's annual baseball challenge. She's the Chef, all right. But why do they call her, "Betty Beer Nose"????



Mr. and Mrs. Claus and helpers



Allan Porter and his fan club

*Special thanks to Bev Lafferty and the Audio Visual department for their help in digging out these super pictures.



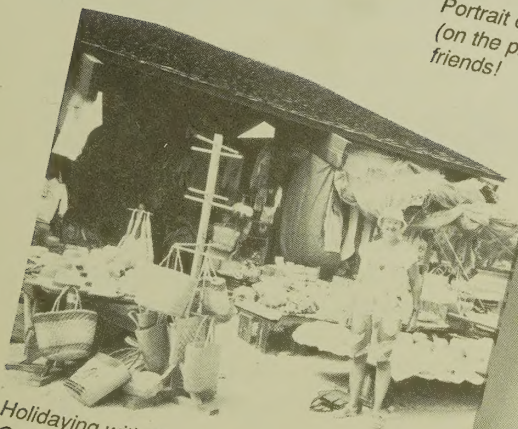
Betty is "Crown Royalled" for her golfing ability by Dr. Bill Noonan!



Portrait of some very professional Techs: Betty (on the phone, of course), Bev Lafferty, and friends!



The famous Betty and Bill bash!! Why does Bill look so wary?



Holidaying with the Hamilton Civic Hospitals Golf Club. Love the shorts!!!

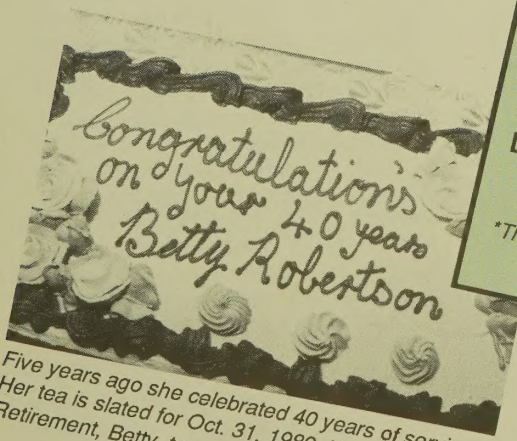


The lady at leisure

Betty's Career at a Glance*

- Aug. 1, 1944: Joined Henderson Division as a Laboratory Technician
- Sept. 1, 1967: Transferred to the General
- Dec. 23, 1967: Promoted to Assistant Chief Technologist in the Lab at the General
- Dec. 30, 1972: Became Director of the MDU

*Thanks to Linda Goguen in Human Resources for the research on Betty's career.



Five years ago she celebrated 40 years of service. Her tea is slated for Oct. 31, 1989. Happy Retirement, Betty, to one of our very best!!!!!!

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progressing on Phase Two. This Phase will include the main entrance to the hospital plus the Snack Bar and Gift Shop, and Printing, Information, Audio-Visual, Medical Records and Short Stay/Endoscopy departments.



October 23 to 27 was Quality Assurance Week. Focusing on this year's theme, We Aim for Quality, Henderson's QA group organized videotape showings on Sterivision and at special times in the cafeteria. A display of departmental Quality Assurance programs, featuring current QA programs from Housekeeping, Nutrition Services and Nursing, was on view in front of the cafeteria. Buttons were distributed plus a limited supply of watercolors and pen and ink sketches of the

Henderson by Jerry Farrell of the Audio-Visual department.



A big thank-you to all the WHMIS trainers for their dedication to the project was the reason behind a WHMIS Appreciation Luncheon which was held October 25 from 1200 to 1400 in the Auditorium at Hamilton General Division. Of particular note was a display consisting of packages designed by WHMIS trainers. Trainers also were presented with certificates of appreciation by the Chief Operating Officers.



Challenge: Understanding Trauma was the subject of a half-day session, presented by the General's ICU, October 26 from 0800 to 1230 in the Auditorium at

the General. Geared to critical care nurses and allied health professionals who work with trauma patients, the program focused on common problems including abdominal trauma (presented by **Dr. D. Bowser**); Head Injury (**Dr. J. Wells**); cardio/thoracic trauma (**Dr. D. Prodger**) and orthopedic trauma (**M. Bellows, RN**).



Everyone loves cookbooks, and this one shows special promise, coming as it does from the Rehab group at the General! "Triple taste-tested" recipes have been drawn together in the first edition of *Rehabilitate Your Tastebuds*. Available from members of the Rehab staff for \$5, it promises a "myriad of culinary delights!"

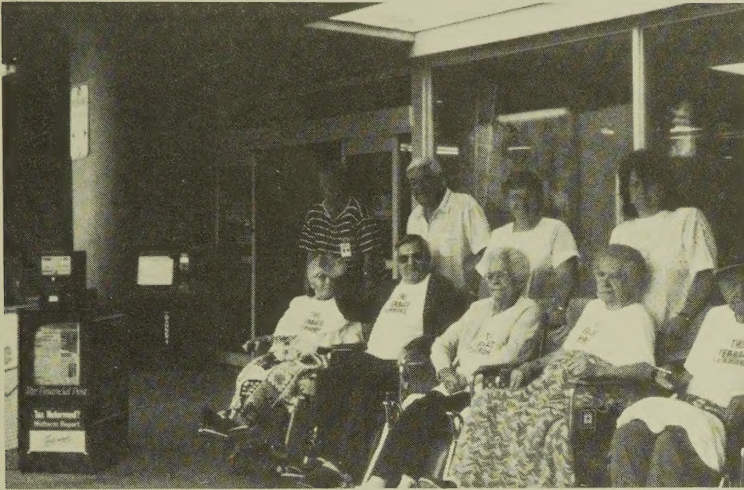


Nutrition Services at the General has been accredited by the Canadian Dietetic Association to provide a new education program which qualifies Dietitian/Nutritionists to practice in Canada.

The Clinical Nutrition Internship program began at the General in September and the first Clinical Nutrition Interns will graduate in August, 1990. According to **Karen Healey**, Internship Coordinator in Nutrition Services, the Dietetic Internship Program offers limited spaces and competition for these places is fierce. Interns, who already have honor baccalaureate degrees in Human Nutrition or Foods and Nutrition from an accredited Canadian University or Polytechnical Institute, will gain practical experience at the General during the 48-week program and will offer supervised nutrition care to patients in specialized areas such as cardiology, surgery, trauma, burns and general medicine.

Welcome to our first Dietetic Interns (left to right): **Sarita Gupta** (intern); **Cheryl Moser** (intern); **Karen Healey** (internship coordinator); **Martine Auger** (intern) and **Monica Vegelij** (intern).

Terrace Terrors



It was two medals for the Terrace Terrors during the second Annual Adaptive Senior Games, held September 7 at St. Peter's Hospital. **Louis Ambrose** and **Edna Munn** from the Terrace Bowling team received a gold and a silver medal respectively. Other Terrace Terrors -- **Arthur Stephenson** (bowling); **Rose Borrowclough** (shuffleboard); **Gertrude Spence** (walking); **Ellen Johnson** (walking) -- went home with certificates of participation and "a sense of satisfaction", according to Terrace Therapeutic Recreationist, **Eunice Allen**.

She also reports that attendance at the Games, sponsored by 13 institutions, doubled over last year and that expectations are for an even greater turnout next year.

Here are some of the 'Terrors' waiting for the bus to St. Peter's.

People

Marilyn Gater, an OR Nurse at Henderson, recently took a leave of absence to help a hospital in Inuvik, NWT. Writes Susan Pauhl from Inuvik in a note to Director of Nursing **Pat Mandy**: "(Marilyn) was an excellent worker and a good representative for the Henderson. The 'borrowing' of a staff member from a large teaching hospital certainly has been beneficial to our small community hospital. Marilyn was very knowledgeable and brought us up-to-date on some new concepts and materials."

Watch for Marilyn's story in an upcoming issue of Link!

Ronnie Leger, Manager of the Volunteer Association Snack Bar at the General, will be retiring after 20 years of service. Her tea is slated for November 6, 1400 to 1600 hours.

Alana Davis has been appointed

Quality Assurance Coordinator for Henderson. In her new job, Alana will be coordinating QA activities hospital-wide plus providing information and advice on QA to Department Heads and Nurse Managers.

A belated welcome to **Sylvia Leonard** who became Assistant to the Vice-President of Medical Affairs, **Dr. John Phin**.

Paula Carroll has been named Nurse Manager for the Neuro ICU at the General. She has worked in the General's ICU as a staff nurse and as a team leader for many years.

Kathy Ryan has been appointed Coordinator, Quality Assurance/Risk Management (non-medical) for the General. A recent graduate of the Masters in Health Sciences program at the University of

Toronto, she is no stranger to the Hamilton Civics, having worked as Administrative Resident in Civic Administration from January to June, 1989.

Gayle Raymond-Smith has become Personnel Officer, Hamilton General. Previously Gayle worked in the Human Resources Department of Shell Canada Limited in Toronto and in Calgary.

Rose Moroz, an RNA in the General's Short Stay Unit, is a proud Mom these days. Her son, 16-year-old **Alex**, was one of the area's young achievers attending the recent Canadian National Junior Achievement Conference in Edmonton.

The conference, where the best of the country's young achievers were able to work with some of the country's top business people, showcased several projects,



Our special congratulations to **Pearl Wright**, Director of Materiel Management at the General, on her Trillium Award, presented by the Ontario Society of Medical Technologists (OSMT) at the Annual General Meeting held October 4 in Kitchener, Ont. Pearl, who has been involved with

the Board of the OSMT for 25 years, was Senior Technologist at Toronto General Hospital and Chief Technologist at Mount Sinai Hospital before assuming her current position at the General. The Trillium Award recognizes significant contributions made by her to the growth and development of the Society and to the practice of medical laboratory technology. She received a ring with the insignia of the Society as well as a certificate and an honorary membership in the Society.

Here is Pearl with some friends from the OSMT, including **Helen Hammond** (St. Joseph's); **Alex Clegg** and **Betty Robertson**.

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among them boxer shorts marketed by Alex Moroz's company. In the JA program, students run real businesses and market real products to learn about the ups and downs of the business world first-hand.



Welcome to **Vidya Kamath**, a new speech pathologist in Physical Medicine at Henderson. She is one of two speech pathologists consulting to the wards and can be contacted on ext. 2174.



Dora O'Hanlon has become Infection Control Practitioner at Henderson, working with Mrs. B. Kucera, the Division's Infection Control Coordinator. Dora, with her background in adult education and occupational health and safety, will further develop the educational and risk management components of the Infection Control Program.



Pati Greenwood has been appointed Associate Director, Henderson Division, with the Hamilton Civic Hospitals Foundation. Welcome Pati!



Have an impact on your work environment!



The Nurse Recognition Committee at the General has been established to deal with issues such as overtime, work load, election of delegates to hospital committees etc., writes member **Connie Ross** (ICU). If you have any issues or problems you would like to discuss, the Nurse Recognition Committee is here to help, she adds. Contact one of the following members of the Committee in the picture (Front, left to right): **C. Ross**; **V. Thornton**; **S. Hansen**; (Back, left to right): **E. Corr**; **K. Gaudun**; **P. Walsh**; **E. Chemeris**; **O. Romagnoli**.



A committee of organizers from the Civics watched enthusiastically as the Ontario Society of Medical Technologists held its very successful 26th convention in Kitchener, Ont. The reason for their enthusiasm? Next year's convention will be held in Hamilton and that means 800 plus technologists visiting the city.

To be held September 17 to 20, 1990, next year's convention theme will be: A New Decade of Distinction. **Alexandra Clegg** (in the General's lab) is convention chairman. Other members of the Civics involved in organizing the convention include: **Terry Scott** (Henderson), clinical chemistry chairman; **Linda Turner-Smith** (Henderson), cytology chairman; **Iain MacNiven** (General), chairman of histotechnology; **Linda Sunisloe** (General), hematology chairman and **Candy Rutherford** (General), microbiology chairman.

Here, publicizing the 1990 Convention are **Alexandra Clegg**, Convention Chairman, and Scientific Chairman, **Norman Crowe**.

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